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Why are our city officials so anxious to enlarge our airport. Our airport is a target landing facility, if a plane comes down before it reaches the landing strip it is going to kill a lot of Long Beach residents !!!! AND every day we read about a plane having to abort its flight. The city has given us a lot of statistics but not once have I heard anyone give us the risk factor on a flight being aborted. In Long Beach no matter what the flight plans are for a flight, landing or taking off, there is no open spaces for them to come down in. So the residents are put in jeopardy with every flight going over them !!! Yet our elected officials are constantly pushing for "airport expansion". Any one who gives this expansion any thought knows that if we enlarge this facility there will be more pressure to bring more flights into Long Beach, thereby , increasing the risk factor of a plane coming down in one of our residential areas. This risk factor should not be ignored.

Over and above the risk factor, which the the EIR has never addressed. The EIR has bombarded us with figures on the risk factor of health problems resulting from the pollution and the noise brought on with the already existing number of flights. I refer to the health concerns at just one school Minnie Gant. Yet the EIR informs us that the contamination from airplanes is no threat to the health of the citizens living under the flights. If this intrusion into the lives of the residents continues who will wish to build or live and raise a family in such a dangerous environment. I beg the city council to not expend any more city resources into airport expansion. There are so many places in our city that need improvement, have you tried to drive down a city alley way, tried to have a tree trimmed, lets open up our librarys and our nature center.

St. Mary's hospital is asking residents to donate money to assist them in the development of a regional disaster center. They state that Long Beach in one of 120 cities most at risk of terrorist attacks Now as a citizen of Long Beach I ask all of the other citizens which would you like to see our city fathers spend our tax dollars on. expanding an airport with its risks and health hazards or using our tax dollars to make our city a better place to live and bring up a family.

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